

FALOE BABIES CURE. How Dr. Gibber's Pasteur Institute Wins an Underserved Reputation.

INSTANCES OF FAILURE. Sometimes the Afflicted Recover Without Any Treatment.

HYDROPHOBIA A GREAT RARITY. Nearly All Reported Cases Are Something Else or Imaginary.

THE OPINION OF AN EMINENT DOCTOR.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Some things that have happened in the last few days have attracted attention to Dr. Paul Gibber and the Pasteur Hydrophobia Institute in this city. Medical men of renown have never indorsed the alleged hydrophobia cure, and now several of them come out unhesitatingly and declare it to be a delusion.

Last week Myron Adams, one of Dr. Gibber's patients, who had been 18 days in the institute and was discharged as cured, died at Ashland, Mass., with every indication of being a victim of hydrophobia. This week young Hugo Eitel, who was said by four physicians to be in the last stages of hydrophobia, and who has never been treated by Dr. Gibber, has entirely recovered. These facts have raised a question as to the value of the Pasteur treatment as administered in this country, and also as to what physicians know about hydrophobia.

It is now 18 months since Dr. Paul Gibber opened the Pasteur Institute in this city. It was established at a time when the Pasteur discoveries were new, and were the talk of the entire world.

Gibber, who was a student in Pasteur's laboratory in Paris, came to this country to fill a long felt want; and enable dog-bitten citizens to avail themselves of an opportunity to be inoculated with the wonderful virus without undergoing a trip to the French capital.

His institute was heralded by the press in the United States, and patients flocked to his doors. They came from faraway Texas, from California and Canada as well as from less distant localities.

From the day of opening to the present time the Pasteur Institute has been doing a rushing business, and the reason is plain. The fear of being bitten by a mad dog is widespread. "Mad dog" is in the streets of any city, and there will be a panic. Men who have faced death in battle without flinching, will shrink at the thought that some one's eyes are mad. Women swoon with fright when they see a dog running from a gang of boys who are stoning it. Children are terrified by the mere thought that they may have hydrophobia as the result of a scratch by a pet puppy.

From all parts of the country people have been bitten and sent to this city for treatment. They do not want to obtain evidence that the animal had rabies. Usually the dog or cat is killed at once.

EXPERIMENTS SOMETIME MADE. Sometimes, however, it escapes entirely. In one case the spinal cord of the animal was removed in order to determine by experiment whether the dog was mad or not. A child was bitten by a dog, his legs were inoculated, and then the public heard no more of that end of the case.

Meanwhile the person who was bitten would be rushed to the Pasteur Institute. The less evidence there was of the madness of the animal, the more desirable the patient and the more certain the cure. It is doubtful if a single patient has been cured by New York's Pasteur Institute.

On the other hand, there have been several instances where people who have been bitten were refused treatment by Dr. Gibber, because they showed a twitching of the muscles, one of the first indications of hydrophobia; and in one case a man who was refused treatment by Gibber died in St. Elizabeth's Street Hospital in convulsions, caused in all probability as much by fright as by anything else.

The Pasteur Institute in New York is located at No. 178 West Tenth street. The building is unpretentious, it being one of the old residences which were formerly occupied by New York's first newspaper when living above Fourteenth street was living in the country.

A DESCRIPTION OF THE HOUSE. The house has been remodelled to accommodate such patients as wish to be under the eye of Dr. Gibber. A big brass plate fixed to one of the door posts and bearing the inscription, "New York Pasteur Institute," is the only mark that distinguishes its neighbors.

A ring at the bell brings a tidy servant to the door and the visitor is ushered into a reception room on the first floor. There is no attempt at display in the furnishings of the room. Everything is there for use. A fairly good specimen of the oriental rug covers the floor and the walls are hung with various paintings. A few chairs and a table are placed in the room. The current numbers of the French illustrated papers are on a center table. A few chairs and a table are placed in the room. The current numbers of the French illustrated papers are on a center table.

BEHIND THE CURTAINS. When the doctor is ready for a patient he comes to the door himself, and holding aside the curtains, says, with a marked accent: "Who are you next?"

The caller who expects to see something out of the ordinary behind those curtains is disappointed. The room where the inoculations are made does not differ in any marked respect from the office of a practicing physician. There is a big desk littered with papers and books of reference, and one or two canvas bound volumes in which the names, ages and histories of the patients are entered. A big tank of oxygen which is used by Dr. Gibber in the treatment of tuberculosis stands in one corner of the room.

One looks in vain for the vials containing the much-talked-of hydrophobic virus, and the little needle-pointed syringes which inject the fluid into the veins of the terror-stricken patient.

The inoculations are said to be painless, and there is no visible effect on the person. The virus works according to M. Pasteur's disciples, so gradually and quickly that the prevention is accomplished without the patient being aware of any unusual disturbance taking place in their systems.

BAD EFFECTS IN ONE CASE. In one case only has any bad result been reported. That was the case of the young surgeon who performed an autopsy on the body of a man who died with symptoms of rabies at Chamber's Street Hospital last fall. The surgeon cut his finger while at work on the body, and through fear of hydrophobia went to Dr. Gibber for treatment. He had taken only two or three injections of the Pasteur fluid when he became suddenly ill, and died within a few hours.

Dr. Gibber is a man whose personality would attract attention anywhere. Although not above the medium height, his well proportioned frame gives him the appearance of being a large man. He has that perfectly clear white skin which is so seldom met with in men. He wears a jet black beard. The doctor's full red lips, which when parted in the smile that plays around his mouth, contrast with a set of white and fully regular teeth.

He usually dresses in the most severe black. His manner is at once reassuring and commanding. He is inattentive to details, which characterizes every educated Frenchman, goes to make up the personal of the man. Dr. Gibber has not been able to get rid of a decided accent when he speaks. His accent is not so thick as that of the Frenchman, but it is just the thing.

QUITE A MAGNETIC MAN. Dr. Gibber possesses considerable personal magnetism. He appears to be enthusiastic over his work and once hydrophobia is mentioned, he takes up the subject with great warmth.

"Now, understand that we do not deny that there is a disease called hydrophobia. There are many cases cited in medical literature, the authenticity of which would seem to be unquestioned. What we do deny is that hydrophobia is as prevalent, or as liable to occur with such frequency as Dr. Gibber and other disciples of Pasteur would have people believe. We deny that a bite from every snapping cur will produce rabies, and further, we deny that a dog afflicted with a genuine case of rabies would, of necessity, be followed by hydrophobia in the injured person. We have a right to deny these things until they have been proven to our satisfaction."

MISTAKEN CASES OF HYDROPHOBIA. "What is it, then, doctor, that is mistaken for hydrophobia?" "It is a condition that suits their purpose. The various forms of hysteria are often called by the more terrible name, and under this cloak wonders are performed. I have seen many cases of hysteria which sometimes purposely, I suppose, for hydrophobia, and again are miraculous cures worked. But I must say that out of the many cases of hysteria which are treated since the Pasteur treatment was introduced here, the doctor said:

"Fifty cases are reported where people have died of rabies during the past year. Only one of these was treated according to the Pasteur method." The following is the first annual report of the "Pasteur" Institute issued in March:

Dr. Paul Gibber, Director of the New York Pasteur Institute, begs to inform you of the result of the preventive inoculations against rabies made by his institute during the first year of its existence (February 1, 1900, to January 31, 1901). During this period, twenty-seven persons having been bitten by dogs or cats, came to be inoculated. These persons were all treated in accordance with the Pasteur method.

First—For 64 of these persons it was demonstrated that the animal which attacked them were not mad. Consequently the Pasteur treatment was not necessary. Their wounds attended, during the proper length of time, when necessary.

Second—In 13 cases of hydrophobia treatment was applied, hydrophobia of the animals which inflicted bites having been diagnosed clinically by the inoculation in the laboratory, and in many cases by the presence of rabies virus in the animal bitten by the same dog.

No death caused by hydrophobia has been reported since the Pasteur treatment was introduced here. It is a descriptive report.

The inaccuracies of the report are apparent to any one who reads the accounts of cases in the newspapers at the time that they occur. The clinical evidence that the animals which inflicted bites were not mad, is the only possible that his treatment does no harm, but what is the use of preventing what is not to happen? As for myself, I would not have been so sure of my own success if I had not seen the results of the Pasteur treatment in my own patients. How, pray, can they prove that their virus does not remain inert when it has no visible effect?

The Pasteur Institute in New York is a tangible result. Smallpox cases have been common enough, and it has been assured, too, that it can be prevented by inoculation. In the case of an alleged hydrophobic patient there are no pathological symptoms, no typical post mortem conditions that assure us that it was a case of hydrophobia.

DEALING WITH UNKNOWN QUANTITIES. "How then are we to tell if an inoculation has been successful or not? It brings us into dealing with quantities which are so vague as to be altogether at variance with the Pasteur method."

"But some people say that whether it has been proven that inoculation prevents or not, it is well to be on the safe side. Possibly, but I suppose some crank should pop up and say that he has discovered a virus which would prevent typhoid fever. Well, if 100 people had been exposed and they should all be inoculated—it is probable that not one of these people would have taken the fever any way—they are inoculated, however, and the crank claims 100-would cure.

"Where is the necessity, we ask. Why excite and alarm the people to such an extent? That is just what is being done. People have been worked up to such a pitch that one man in every ten, at least, who has at some time or other been bitten imagines when he has a little difficulty in swallowing his cup of coffee in the morning that he has the hydrophobic virus in his system."

truth is he has got a little sore throat from getting his feet wet the night before.

IN HAPPY SPIRITS. Our Sluggers Return From Cincinnati Gay and Very Confident.

MANAGER M'GUNNIGLE'S VIEWS. President Byrne Talks About a Conference to Secure Peace.

GOOD LOCAL FOOTBALL PROSPECTS. YESTERDAY'S ASSOCIATION GAMES.

COLUMBUS, 7 St. Louis, 6. The heroes of Cincinnati arrived in the city yesterday, and they are in good trim to tackle the troublesome fellows from Boston this afternoon. It is needless to say that the local players came home, after their three good victories, in very high spirits and they felt extremely hopeful of doing even greater things before the season is out. They have some very dangerous people to tackle to-day, in fact the most dangerous they have met this season judging from the records so far this season. No matter how strong the Boston team may be, they will be strong in the past to win games they will be more anxious to win now, as they are nearing at an end. From now on each defeat will have considerable effect on their winning chances and not an effort will be made to accomplish anything but a victory.

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FOOTBALL PROSPECTS. Some Great Games to Take Place Here in the Fall. The football season is rapidly approaching and there is every prospect of a busy time. If present intentions are carried out Pittsburgh will have a very interesting season. The fall and winter than during any previous season. Both styles of football playing, viz., the Association and Rugby, will be well represented. The Association players are extremely enthusiastic, and they can muster a large number of teams in Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio. Pittsburgh, Allegheny, East Liberty, McKeesport, Bradford, and other stations are all preparing to start a league that will be well represented in a league, but a meeting will be held shortly to discuss the matter and it is likely that it will be commenced much sooner this year than it was last year.

General Sporting Notes. There is a letter at this office for David Sheehan, Harry Schuler is looking well and is in great picking form. Harry Decker is now selling sewing machines in the city. The Association game at Louisville yesterday. The Pittsburgh team will leave this morning for a week's sojourn in the mountains.

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SHOWERS OF STONES. A Strange Phenomenon Said to Be Frequent in the Mountains.

THEY'RE TINY FALLING METEORS. Superstitions of Sinners Are Worked Upon by an Evangelist.

MINOR NEWS FROM THE THREE STATES. (SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH.)

HINTON, W. VA., Aug. 9.—The people living on New River Mountain in this (Summers) county, are much wrought up by a phenomenon which has been witnessed there at intervals for several years. It is only recently assumed startling proportions. In May, reports were circulated of a mysterious rain of tiny stones, which apparently came out of the ether above.

At first these attracted little attention, but as time passed the reports became so general as to attract wide notice. In response to inquiries from a distance, the DISPATCH correspondent visited the mountain last week to investigate the stories. He found that while common report is considerably exaggerated, there is a basis of truth for it, and the facts, which are susceptible of proof are mysterious and interesting enough.

In many places stones fell in an "open" or clearing near the cabin of Cy Henley who lives half way up north side of the mountain. There were jagged pieces of sandstone, the size of a walnut, and as there is an old trail and a quarry high above him on the mountain, all the notice Henley took of the matter was to curse the people he supposed to have thrown the stones.

One night "Ben" Jones, who he was awakened by sounds on his roof like the falling of hail, and as he had a little garden patch well along he was uneasy as to the effect of the hail. Examination in the morning developed that the hail was tiny stones. Henley spoke of this to other mountaineers, and it was learned that occasional ones were seen by many of the mountaineers. In July a clearing almost on the top of the mountain was visited by a desultory rain of stones, many of the size of a walnut, and a loud noise and bounding off. A peculiarity of this shower was the presence of several pebbles, which are as rare on that mountain as icicles in August.

The superstition of the mountaineers was aroused, and some strange theories were advanced. A newspaper in a neighboring town, which is a town of 1000 people, reported showers of stones were almost constant on the mountains, and that business was suspended on account of the "populace" of the populace. The fact is that the "populace" consists of not over a dozen families, and that the stones are not seen by them never was any business suspended.

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ERIE AND WESTERN RAILROAD AS TIGHT AS EVER, AND NOT A WHEEL ON A FREIGHT CAR ON ANY ONE OF THE DIVISIONS HAS TURNED SINCE LAST MONTH'S NIGHT.

YESTERDAY, acting under the orders of General Manager Bradley, all the clerks in the freight houses along the line were laid off, there being no work for them at any point. As yet no more has been made in this vicinity to take out or receive freight trains with other than the old cars.

A SERIOUS RAILROAD WRECK. It Was Caused by the Crew of One Train Forgetting It Was Sunday.

WEST NEWTON, Aug. 23.—The Sunday express on the Pittsburgh, McKeesport and Youngstown Railroad consisting of an engine, passenger car and three day coaches, collided with a heavy coke train on Layton's curve 15 miles above here, this morning at 11:30. Harry Stern, brakeman on the passenger train, had his right arm crushed, Mrs. Redden, wife of Foreman Redden, of Charlestown roundhouse, had lip badly cut and teeth broken. Conductor Gilmore and flagman, George McGregor were slightly bruised by a jolting over the embankment. It is altogether probable that anyone of the crew escaped alive, as the passenger train was running 40 miles an hour.

When Engineer Sken discovered the coke train dashing into view, ordered the bluff 100 feet wide and 100 feet high, to be run down the steep embankment. The two monster engines came together with a crash that was heard five miles away, completely demolishing both engines. The tank of the express engine exploded, the conductor, baggage and mailer, Baggage-master McGregor and the fireman, were jumped out of the door of the car over the embankment just as the tank came crashing through its side. No momentary escape was possible, and he would have met a horrible fate. The 300 passengers were more or less shaken up by the collision, but they were all gathered on the hillside and ascertained no one was seriously injured. The express train is run on Sunday two hours in advance of the regular time, and the engine and the coke crew forgot it was Sunday.

EX-CONGRESSMAN HUBBARD DEAD. A Man Prominent in the Organization of the State of West Virginia.

WHEELING, Aug. 23.—Ex-Congressman Chester D. Hubbard, President of the Wheeling, W. Va. Lumber Company, and Secretary of the Wheeling Iron and Nail Company, died this evening, aged 78 years. He was prominent as a member of the regular session of the Thirty-third and Fortieth Congresses.

Mr.